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The EDITOR Speaks

# What Can I Do About It?

**GUEST EDITORIAL**

—By A. W. Mortensen
State Board President

What can I do about it? That is the question we ask ourselves as we feel so hopelessly dropped in a world situation that, in spite of efforts of the most capable and brilliant men, progresses from tensions to wars and increased suffering.

There is only one thing wrong. The people who **can** do something about it are not working at the job. Those people are the ones who wear the name of God's Son.

It doesn't take **smart** people to cure the world's ills—and the results of their efforts prove it. It takes folks simple enough to **not know** a thing **can't** be done—who will do God's bidding without question, leaving the results to Him.

What happens when the power voltage is low? Lights are dim, fuses blow, motors run down and overheat. That is the picture of a Christian. He just has a "loose" connection with God's power.

**You can** do something about it, but FIRST you must make a tight connection with God's power. Paul and Silas turned the world upside down—with God's power. We **can** do it too—with God's power.

Adopt your State Board "Let's Close the Switch" program into your PERSONAL life, then into the life of **your church.**

Let's stop being smart. Let's start working at **our** job—turning the world upside down for Christ.

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## LATE NEWS

"Let's Close the Switch" Rallies

The Northwest District rally was held at the Mallory Avenue Church in Portland on January 18. Three hundred people, representing 22 churches, were present At the Southern District rally, held in the First Christian Church at Medford, 98 people were present as representatives of 5 churches. Eighty people from 5 churches attended the Southwest district rally at Myrtle Point, and 160 crowded into the Silverton church for the Willamette rally.

Participation Pledge forms are being sent to all churches for consideration at their next business meetings. Churches adopting the "Let's Close the Switch" program will be announced in the next issue of **The Oregon Christian.**

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## STATE BOARD OFFICERS IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Charles Addleman and Don Helseth narrowly escaped serious injury when the Addleman car, in which they were traveling to the Myrtle Point rally, slid off the snow-covered Alsea highway and landed in the ditch not far from Tidewater. Both suffered scratches, cuts, and bruises, but they were able to continue their journey to Myrtle Point in a borrowed car. They arrived at 8:10 p.m., several hours later than they had intended, but in time to present their part of the program. They are fairly well recovered now from the effects of the accident. The car was badly damaged; it had to be towed into Waldport by a wrecker.

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## AVAILABLE

Mr. Cecil Warner, well-known former Oregon pastor, will be available for interim work after March 1. Mr. Warner is a graduate of Northwest Christian College, and has held pastorates at Hermiston and The Dalles before going to Idaho. He may be addressed care of Glenn Warner, 210 S. Idaho Street, Grangeville, Idaho.

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**FEBRUARY 26**

**NEWS and PICTURE DEADLINE**

## FINEGAN TO BE CONVENTION SPEAKER

Dr. Jack Finegan has definitely been secured as the guest speaker for the Turner Convention, according to the announcement made by Donald L. Helseth, chairman of the Convention Program Committee, as copy for **The Oregon Christian** went to the printers. Dr. Finegan, renowned Disciple minister, professor, and author, is in such demand that there was some uncertainty over the possibility of getting him for the Turner Convention. Dr. Finegan is pastor of the University Christian Church in Berkeley, California, and a professor at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. Despite his busy schedule as teacher and preacher, Dr. Finegan has found time to produce several books and to engage in his favorite recreation, mountain climbing. The official dates of the Convention are June 29—July 3.

## ADDING UP THE ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This report covers the period from December 26 to January 20.

I preached at Albany First Church at the morning service and met with a group of men from Eastside Church in the afternoon. State Board meeting in Salem on Tuesday, then on to Eugene for a conference the next day . . . December 30 to January 2 in Nyssa, calling and holding conferences with the church. I spent the 3rd in Hermiston and spoke at the church night dinner; attended the Councils Planning and Strategy Committee meeting; spoke on state missions at the Kern Park CWF meeting . . . I preached at Yamhill on Sunday morning the 8th and then attended their annual church meeting . . . visited First Church, Portland, for the evening service to share in their 75th Anniversary celebration . . . shared in the new State Program launching meeting in Eugene on the 10th, then remained over for the Northwest Preachers' Parliament and was kept busy most of the time in conferences . . . visited Cedar Hills on Sunday morning and enjoyed a good sermon by Dwight Hackett, then went to Lebanon and spoke for the Oregon Temperance League at the evening service . . . attended the Christian Student Foundation board meeting in Salem on Monday, the District State Program launching rally at Mallory Avenue Tuesday, the YMCA-Church Relations Committee luncheon and shared in a conference with Charles J. Betts with the Cedar Hills congregation . . . spent nine days in the office with twelve office conferences.

**Mr. and Mrs. L. O. White, minister First Christian Church, Lebanon, Oregon, are shown above with C. O. Hawley, executive secretary Unified Promotion, at the recent orientation sessions held in Indianapolis for ministers and their wives. The Whites came the greatest distance to attend.**

## LEBANON MINISTER AT NATIONAL MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. White of Lebanon, Oregon, were among the approximately 75 Disciples of Christ ministers and their wives from seven states who attended a two-day orientation session January 18-19 held at the Missions Building in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting initiated a continuing program whereby interested ministers and laymen of Disciples of Christ churches in the United States and Canada may become better acquainted with the Brotherhood's national organizations.

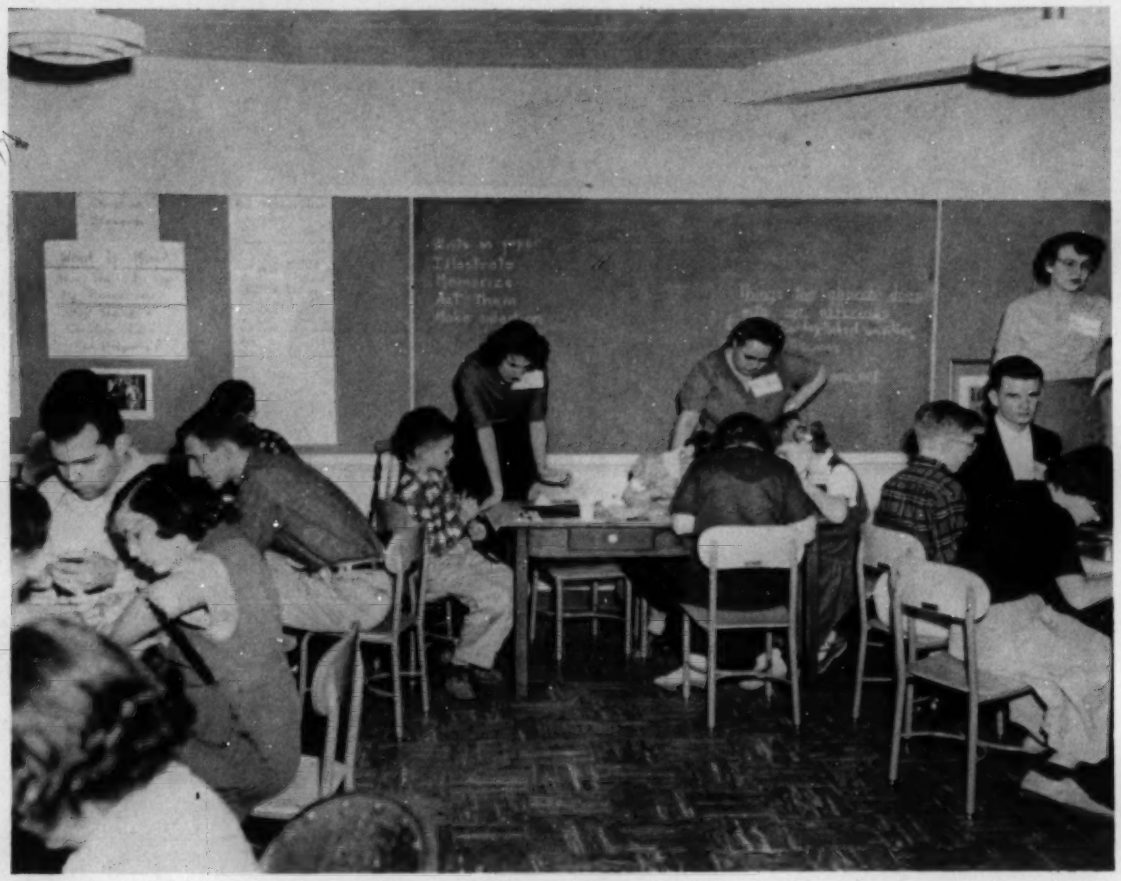
The orientation session was sponsored by Unified Promotion, under the leadership of C. O. Hawley, executive secretary. Representatives from eight states were in attendance including Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Oregon.

The various national agencies and organizations were described and their functions and relationships to the local churches outlined by the executive heads. Agencies and organizations included in this first orientation session were Unified Promotion, International Convention of Disciples of Christ, Board of Church Extension, Board of Higher Education, Pension Fund, World Call, Christian Board of Publication, Christian Unity Council, the National City Christian Church of Washington, D.C., State Missionary Societies, and the several departments of the United Christian Missionary Society.

### DONALD COX RESIGNS

Donald Cox has resigned his ministry with the Central Christian Church in Portland to accept a call to the 38th St. Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. His last Sunday at Central was February 6; his duties with the Indiana church began February 13. Mr. Cox will have the opportunity of doing graduate work at Butler School of Religion while ministering to this congregation.

Morris Beard has left the Grants Pass church, to return to his home state of Missouri.



**PRACTICUM**
**Northwest Christian College Religious Education Practicum**

**VISITORS**
**Truman Robbins, Pastor, Christian Church, Milton - Freewater, calls in the office of President Ross J. Griffeth.**

**LIBRARY**
**Northwest Christian College. Hazel Oliver, Librarian, in the present crowded workroom.**

## NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
—By Ross J. Griffeth

### PRACTICUM

The Religious Education Practicum, held annually for the benefit of all who wish to improve their teaching ability in the Children's Department of the Church, is scheduled for March 21—April 1, 1955.

The Practicum is open to all who wish to enroll for the two-week period. Because the work offered is a unit, it is not possible to enroll for a portion of the course and drop out for part of the time.

The cost of enrollment is the same as for regular class work at the College. For those coming from off campus, the charge will be $10.00 for the sessions. Every effort will be made to house in a satisfactory manner those who come to Eugene for the Practicum.

Miss Ruth Reynolds of the Department of Religious Education, U.C.M.S., is Director of the Practicum. She will also be the kindergarden teacher. Other instructors in the Practicum will be announced well in advance of the opening sessions. There will be classes in the four age levels of children: nursery, kindergarden, primary, junior.

For additional information or arrangements for living quarters, write to Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

### VISITORS

Northwest Christian College always enjoys the visits of interested persons. Through the year many ministers visit the campus and a considerable number of these speak to the students in chapel or in conferences.

Also, many prospective students are brought to the campus by the ministers and youth leaders of various congregations. These always find a hearty welcome awaiting them at N.C.C. It is always helpful to the College for those who plan to bring young people for a visit to notify the College well in advance so that entertainment arrangements can be made.

The best days for visiting are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays when school is in session.

### LIBRARY

Miss Hazel Oliver, Librarian at Northwest Christian College, has catalogued about twelve thousand books since she began her period of service with the College. In addition she has assembled thousands of copies of magazines and church bulletins for reference and, in many cases, for binding. Her workroom is overcrowded. This, of course, can be remedied when the projected new Library Building becomes an actuality. Another one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars contributed to the Library Building fund will assure completion of the building.

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**TO THE STATE OFFICE**
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## CAMP DATES
### BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMPS

Camp dates for the boys' camps and girls' camps will be as follows (barring unforeseen adjustments): Wyeth (simultaneous boys' camp and girls' camp for the Mid-Columbia District), July 10-16; Cove Girls' Camp, July 10-16; Cove Boys' Camp, July 17-23; Turner Girls' Camp, July 17-23; Turner Boys' Camp, July 24-30; Crescent Lake Boys' Camp, July 31-Aug. 6; Wi-Ne-Ma Boys' Camp, July 31-Aug. 6; Fir Point Boys' Camp, Aug. 7-13; Fir Point Girls' Camp, Aug. 14-20.

## MOORE TO DELIVER N.C.C. LECTURE SERIES

Mr. Paul Moore of the Athena Christian Church will deliver the annual N.C.C. Men's Fellowship Lectures on February 22-24. The theme of this years' series is "The Rural Ministry." Mr. Moore has ministered in the Athena church for the past 18 years.

The first lecture, which will be given on February 22, is entitled "The Ethics of the Rural Minister." On the following evening at the mens' banquet Mr. Moore's topic will be "The Romance of the Rural Ministry." The concluding lecture, to be delivered on February 24, will deal with "The Program of the Rural Church." The first and last lectures will be given at the regular 11 o'clock chapel hour at N.C.C.

Rural ministers serving in the vicinity of Eugene are to be guests of the N.C.C. Mens' Fellowship at the Wednesday evening banquet.

During Mr. Moore's eighteen-year ministry at Athena the church has grown steadily. The town has a population of 800 and four local churches. The membership of the Christian church is 225. When Mr. Moore came to Athena the attendance was 32 in the church services and not a single child was enrolled in the Bible school. In the last three years the church has averaged 50 additions each year. The average Bible school attendance is now 156.

To supplement the lecture series each afternoon Mr. Moore will participate in a Discussion Forum concerning programs and problems related to the rural ministry. Don Westerland, Reporter.

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## DISTRICT RALLY
### NINETY AND NINE MEN
—By E. C. Walters

The Northwest District Rally of the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood was held at the Beaverton Christian Church with a banquet of swiss steak and vegetables, served to 182 men. After the banquet the meeting was held in the auditorium of the church. We used the Ninety & Nine Song Book sheets for our song service, singing each song over twice. Before each song, we asked if the author was present and gave recognition to every one who had had a part in the writing and preparation of the Song Book, which was originally published in the early 40's. The first song was written by Andrew T. Whitten, now of the Mallory Avenue Christian Church; the second by Charles Addleman, now our State Secretary; the third by A. B. Cash, of the Hood River Church. Two of the songs were presented by the men of the Yamhill Church of Christ, and others were presented by A. C. Wilson of Albany, W. E. Mulkey of Newberg, and O. W. Brown of Hillsboro. The men enjoyed the singing of these songs of our own Brotherhood so much that we plan to continue to use them at our rallies as much as possible.

For special music William Caldwell, who is now living at the Northwestern Christian Home, played a piano solo. Many will remember him for his music in the churches over the past 50 years. Another special number was the trio by the Dunn Sisters, with Mona Dunn at the piano and Kaye, Vickie, and Peggy Dunn doing the singing.

A short testimonial meeting led by Alex Roselle was held, followed by a message on stewardship from Jess Johnson of the St. Johns Christian Church.

It is now time for us to start looking ahead to plans for the Camps for our boys and girls this summer. Here is the place for us to invite those who have just started to attend our church school to go with others of our young people and receive concentrated teaching in camp for a week.

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## NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD
—By Ed Dewees

Coquille was the host church for the January 17 Ninety and Nine rally of the Myrtle District. In keeping with the practice in that district, the meeting was a family fellowship beginning with a well-varied potluck dinner. Immediately afterwards, groups of the men, women, and young people went into simultaneous business meetings. The men gave particular consideration to ways and means of increasing local and district effectiveness in reaching other men and in serving their churches. Southern Area vice-president, Ralph Hapner of North Bend, presented the report of a committee suggesting some positive steps to be taken to that end. Sharing in the finance of the state Ninety and Nine program was also discussed and action taken to send in a check for $119 for the work.

The groups reassembled for song and prayer and the showing of 1954 camp slides by your reporter, including a testimony about some of the boys and girls who have attended camps in previous years. Suggestions were made regarding the promotion and support of the 1955 boys' and girls' camps at Fir Point. (Note dates listed below.)

The men of the Harrisburg church held their annual "game feed" on January 19 with a fine attendance of men and boys. E. W. Blehm was master of ceremonies and presented (with appropriate stories) the host at each table, who in turn introduced the guests at that table. The program, which was much appreciated by the audience, included a word of welcome from William Siefke, host pastor. Brief statements on the work of the church and the Bible school were made by Merrill Roush, chairman of the church board, and Randall Grimes, Bible School superintendent. The closing feature of the evening was the showing of a film on Oregon game by a representative of the Oregon Game Commission.

The Douglas District Ninety and Nine Men met at the Sutherlin Christian Church on January 24 and enjoyed a fine meal prepared by Gerald Bentley, host pastor (with the help of Mrs. Bentley and others who baked the pies for dessert). Slides of the camps were shown as the men gathered before the dinner. In the business meeting and program which followed, Bill Webber of Winston presided and succeeded in getting out of his duties as vice-president by conducting the election of new officers: Ralph Hardesty of Sutherlin, president; Joe Scovell of Sutherlin, vice-president; and Glen Murdock of Roseburg First, secretary-treasurer. The film, "Dedicated Men" was shown by Leonard Nesseth of Roseburg. The Westside church in Roseburg will be host for a father-son rally on April 25.

Ninety-five men answered the roll call of the South Willamette District at Lebanon on January 24 (where were the othor four?) G. Fred Hoy of the Albany Eastside Christian Church was the guest speaker, and a special number was given by Ralph Doop, Lebanon associate minister. E. W. Blehm presented the state budget to the men, and a good start was made toward the underwriting of the district's suggested goal.

Harry Vetter, Ninety and Nine financial secretary, reports good progress on the financial program. The final check on the obligation to the N.C.C. students who served in the 1954 camps was made on January 18, and final receipts for January were expected to bring the current finance nearer the black. He urges that we keep up the good work and that we begin building a balance in advance for the support of the 1955 camps. Olaf Q. Paulson, Jr., P .O. Box 127, Silverton, is state treasurer.

Looking ahead—Eastern Oregon men are to be guests of the Southeast Washington men at Walla Walla on March 1 in the 4th annual interstate rally. Men in the vicinity of Portland, Silverton, and Eugene will have an opportunity to hear dynamic messages by Mark Rutherford, national men's worker, when he is in the state during the last week of March. Watch for your local date. The regular North Willamette District rally will be held at the Liberty church February 28, and the McKenzie District, will hold a rally at Coburg on February 21.

**Youth depositing memoirs in cornerstone box held by Walter Naff, minister. Harold Libby and Donald Farr are in background.**

## CORNERSTONE LAYING AT COQUILLE

Impressive ceremonies were conducted Sunday afternoon, January 23, for the laying of the cornerstone of the First Christian Church of Coquille. The program was opened with the invocation by Donald Farr, new Chairman of the Board, followed by greetings from Bob Mason, city councilman and member of the congregation; Ray Hunsaker, superintendent of city schools; Rev. Donald Campbell, pastor of the Pioneer Methodist Church; and Rev. Clyde Blakley, pastor of the First Church at North Bend, representing the Christian Churches of Oregon.

Minister Walter Naff explained the purpose of the cornerstone service, and Harold Libby, elder of the church, read the Scriptures.

The youth of the church deposited memoirs of the day in the stone and Church School Superintendent, Paul Simpson, led the congregation in a responsive Scripture reading. Henry George, chairman of the building committee and Ronald Russell, builder of the church, set the granite stone, which was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, members of the congregation.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR BUSY

—By Walter Lantz

The new year began with the return of our family from a holiday visit at home in Utah. The first week was spent battling the mountain of work Mary Jane had placed on my desk while I was away. Friday night I spent a very pleasant two hours with the Career and Campus Fellowship at Mallory Avenue Christian in Portland and then drove to the coast, where I shared in a youth planning retreat at Nelscott with the senior youth group from the Lebanon Church. It was both educational and inspirational, and lots of fun besides. This group is going places.

Sunday evening I spent in Forest Grove, speaking in the devotional period at the close of the second session of their School of Missions, and later on for the workers' conference of teachers and officers of the church school.

The following week was largely spent in Eugene, where I shared in the launching of the new state program, met with the committee on camps and conferences, and attended the Northwest Preachers' Parliament, sponsored by N.C.C. Saturday afternoon was spent with the older-youth committee of the Education Commission in making plans for the age-level planning conferences in February.

Sunday, January 16, I had an opportunity to worship in my own church, Kern Park, Portland. The week was spent in the office. I attended an evening meeting of the Student House Foundation in Salem on Monday and the state program presentation rally at Mallory Avenue on Tuesday; met with the Cedar Hills pastor, Executive Secretary, and Brotherhood Architect on Friday afternoon, and the Cedar Hills congregation that evening.

The next week began with a speaking engagement at the School of Missions at Mallory Avenue on Sunday. I left for Grants Pass Monday and attended a meeting in the church there. I attended the state program presentation rally in Medford on Tuesday. I left Medford Wednesday for La Grande and spent Thursday and Friday in planning the Eastern Oregon district convention and making plans for camp and Conference at Cove. I spent Saturday and Sunday with the Lebanon church, sharing in the activities which launched Youth Week in that community.

### CHI RHO INSTITUTES

Teaching the Bible creatively and making the teachings of Jesus real in the experiences of people is the purpose of the church school. In an effort to aid the local church in this educational pursuit, our brotherhood publishing house is continually revising church school literature to meet the needs of the day. The new study materials for junior high youth are now ready for our churches and will be available for the fall quarter, 1955.

The education commission of the state board has, in cooperation with the national program, scheduled two-day institutes across Oregon for the purpose of presenting these materials. The institutes are to be held in May; they will give to ministers, parents, teachers, superintendents, and others interested in Intermediate age-level study the opportunity to see the lessons taught and to enter into a discussion concerning this new material. La Grande, Redmond, Portland, Albany, and Roseburg will be host cities to these institutes during the first three week-ends in May. Information will soon go out to all our churches; and it is hoped that every church will make a conscientious effort to have representatives present to share in the fellowship and instruction.

### LAWRENCE PORTER ON COUNCIL

At the annual Northwest Conference on Religion in Higher Education, which was held February 4-5 at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Lawrence Porter was elected to a position on the Executive Council. Lawrence Porter is minister to youth and director of Christian House at Corvallis. Along with him on the Executive Council — a five-man body—is another Corvallis man, Dr. Warren Hovland, head of the Philosophy Department at Oregon State College.

# DIRECT-SUPPORT MISSIONS

— By Rozelle S. Henry

The Sixth Annual NORTHWEST DIRECT-SUPPORT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE opens at the First Christian Church, Eugene, at 1:30 Thursday afternoon, February 24th. Lynnton Elwell, general chairman, announces that sessions will be held also Thursday evening and continued all day Friday.

A record attendance is anticipated to hear the largest nummber of direct-support missionaries yet to appear on our Conference program. Main messages will be given by Barton L. McElroy of the Philippines; Frank Rempel of Kulpahar, India; Archie Fairbrother of Assam, India; Alex Bills of Pusan, Korea; and Mrs. Maude Maxey of Japan.

Many other missionaries have been invited to participate in other parts of the Conference program. An incomplete roster includes Fumiko Matayoshi of Okinawa; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rees of South Africa; Miss Imogene Williams of Thailand; Mr. and Mrs. Mel Huckins of Okinawa; Carl Zehrung of Alaska; Miss Ella Hadley and John D. Runyan of McKinley Indian Mission; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zack of Puget Sound Christian Indian Mission; and Jean Cunningham and Glora Jewell of Mexico.

Two banquets will be held simultaneously on Friday evening, one for youth and one for adults. A women's luncheon, to be held Friday noon, is a new feature of the Conference.

Opening message of the Conference will be brought by Alex Bills on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Bills was scheduled to come home on furlough late in January from Pusan, Korea. He announces that the full approval of the Korean government has been received to build a Christian Missionary Radio Broadcasting Station in Pusan. Property has already been secured for an operating base in Pusan, Korea.

Barton L. McElroy is able to fill only a limited number of requests for speaking engagements in Oregon prior to his sailing date, about the first of March ,when he returns to commence a second term in the Philippines. The Philippine Mission Churches of Christ is one of our oldest direct-support missions. This mission has also shown tremendous growth in new churches and additions to the body of Christ. During the last three years 63 new churches with over 5,000 additions are recorded. The McElroys direct the evangelistic program, using native preachers trained in the Manila Bible Seminary. Coworkers with the McElroys are Mrs. Carrie Wolfe, now active in her 48th year of service; Miss Ruth Smith; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Willis Hale.

Archie Fairbrother is presenting our new mission work in Assam, India, where he and Mrs. Fairbrother have been working with David and Lois Rees. The David Reeses will be remembered by many for their faithful service along the Tibetan border as co-workers with the J. Russell Morse family. Bro. Fairbrother brings the closing message of the Conference on Friday evening.

From India comes announcement of two new monthly magazines. In the Hindi language, the **Jiwan Ka Pani** is the first monthly magazine of the Churches of Christ in India. The CHRISTASIAN, a new 8-page magazine in English, began with the January 1955 issue. Both are edited by Ralph L. Harter, missionary at Kanpur, India. The CHRISTASIAN has articles and missionary stories of interest from many well-known missionaries in Asia. This publication will add much interest to supplement other missionary data for programs. Subscription price is $1.50 per year in the U.S. Orders may be sent to 175 East 15th Ave., Eugene.

*What Christian Wills Can Do*

WHEN the Pension Plan began operations 25 years ago, the Pension Fund agreed to continue necessary Ministerial Relief, to administer the 1919 Pension System (which requires that 60% of the benefits be paid from gift money), and to pay prior service gift money to older ministers who enrolled in the Pension Plan by January 1, 1931.

In spite of the fact that less than a million and a half of the needed eight million dollars was received to fund these last two items, all of these commitments have been and are being faithfully kept. In addition, in 1951 the Pension Fund began supplementing all low pensions with gift money; and in 1953 began gift memberships for students whose churches or organizations participated in the Pension Plan.

Today more than 900 of our aged ministers, missionaries and their widows along with more than 165 students are the recipients monthly of gift money.

***Part of this Gift Money has been made available by Christian Wills.***

See your attorney or bank today to draw up a Christian Will—remembering the work of your Church, State Missions, Home and Foreign Missions, Benevolence and the Ministry. Additional information on Christian Wills can be secured from the Pension Fund.

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## THE EASTER OFFERING

"Easter is a day of joy, praise and victory. The glory of the day comes from the message of life—victory over death—rather than from the display of finery or parade of extravagances . . . It is the privilege of Christians to share this eternal truth with others of our land through participation in the special Easter offering."

Three times during the church year the church school is called upon to promote and carry through a special offering. The Easter offering is one of these. In order to help our churches with this task, the Brotherhood has prepared materials, available free of charge, which explain where the money goes that is sent in from the local groups across the country. This material also includes coin boxes and envelopes for the offering, and special promotional helps for teachers and departmental heads. It is assumed of course that the churches that order this material will put it to use and send the offering to Unified Promotion. Many of our churches are taking advantage of this fine offer, but many more need to be doing so. Order this material **now** from Unified Promotion, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana. If your church does not have an order card ,they are available from the State Office.

The Easter offering goes to support the following brotherhood causes:

Home Missions
Christian Unity
Ministerial Aid
Church Extension

The Disciples in Oregon are interested in the church-at-large, and here is a means of channeling that interest into significant Christian service. Plan NOW to make this a real sharing experience on Easter Sunday.

TITHING PLEASES GOD
BRINGS JOY TO YOU

# NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

Officers of the Oregon Christian Student Foundation for the new year include James M. Morris, Corvallis, continuing as president; Mrs. Idella Osborn, Lebanon, vice-president; Mr. Virgil Cameron, Eugene, treasurer; and Mr. Leonard Farr, Coos Bay, as secretary. Other members of the Board of Trustees for Christian Houses include A. W. Mortensen, Portland; Glen Weaver, Salem; Mrs. C. C. Smith, Portland; Ezra Blehm, Harrisburg; Don Payne, Pendleton, C. H. Addleman, Portland; Donald Helseth, Corvallis; Clyde Plants, Corvallis; Carrol C. Roberts, Eugene; Victor P. Morris, Eugene. Mrs. Clarence H. Elliott and H. Lawrence Porter are the directors of the houses at Eugene and Corvallis, respectively.

An advisory board of approximately 30 members representing all parts of Oregon was authorized at the November meeting of the Oregon Christian Student Foundation. Mrs. Idella Osborn, chairman, Mrs. C. C. Smith, Clyde Plants and Victor Morris were named to the committee to recommend persons to the new advisory group at the March meeting of the Board.

### DULCINA ELLIOTT REPORTS FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE

"What's My Line?" is the theme of a winter series of Sunday evening discussions on the Christian aspects of our vocational choices at the Christian House in Eugene. Leaders have included Mr. J. S. Carlson, head of the Counselling department at the University of Oregon; Mr. Robert Strippel, director of the OSC Round Table; and Mr. A. F. Holmer, city Y.M.C.A. secretary for Eugene.

Two Sunday morning Bible classes are now held at Christian House. One is taught by Dr. Victor P. Morris, and the other by Mr. John Boosinger. Both follow a Donut Hour, for which Sally Byron (Roseburg) is chairman. Firesides are held after Sunday evening church services, with Phyllis Bates as chairman. The International Dinners, which have proved so interesting in the past, have been resumed this term. The first was a Swiss dinner, with Miss Hanny Gallusser in charge. The second was a Mexican dinner, with Rosalind Lowrance and Marie Basl preparing the food. Both girls worked with the Mexican migrants in California where they learned to prepare Mexican meals. Otis Harden is chairman of the International Relations committee, which sponsors the dinners.

Friday, January 28th, was the date of the third talent show put on by the students from Christian House. It was the "Cellar Cafe", held in the basement of the First Christian Church. Jean Miller (St. Helens) was the general chairman, and Nancy Daniels (Eugene) was in charge of the food. Carl Cobb was head waiter, and Benny Boling (Dallas) was master of ceremonies. It was a gay and festive evening with a wide range of talent doing feature numbers.

Carl Cobb (Longview, Washington, and Forest Grove) represented the Pacific Northwest in the national executive meetings of the Disciples Student Fellowship at Indianapolis during the Christmas holidays. He is a member-at-large of the ex-

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### H. L. PORTER REPORTS FROM CORVALLIS CHISTIAN HOUSE

Christian House at Oregon State College has held its second meeting of the new "Married Students" group. At a dinner meeting on January 20, this group appointed Carroll Strain (Indianapolis, Indiana) as the temporary chairman. They have planned to meet the second and third Thursday of each month.

Several Christian House students (Jim Robnett, Oregon City; Roy Rogers, Medford; Marjory Miller, Mallory Avenue, Portland) worked on arrangements for the visit of Bernhard W. Anderson, Dean of Drew Theological Seminary, who spoke on the Oregon State campus February 1 and 2, in connection with Religious Emphasis Week. Jim Robnett is this year's chairman of the Oregon State event.

Lawrence Porter, minister to students in Corvallis Christian House, is currently serving as class leader for a Thursday evening 7 o'clock weekly session based on Dr. Anderson's book, **The Unfolding Drama of the Bible.**

A class for the faculty of Oregon State College is being held each Monday evening during the present winter term studying the "Sermon on the Mount". Dr. E. W. Warrington, emeritus professor of religion at Oregon State College and currently on the staff of Westminster House, is teacher. Lawrence and Zelda May Porter are attending these classes.

Mrs. Leone Johnson, activity director for the OSC Memorial Union, was the featured speaker on Sunday evening, January 23. Speaking on "The Choice Is Yours", she discussed the activities available to OSC students, and stressed the fact that the activities chosen should help the student to grow spiritually.

Corvallis Christian House has planned a retreat for February 19 and 20 to Suttle Lake for skiing and planning sessions for future activities. Members of the student council are in charge: Jean Jackson, Newberg, president; Jean Clark, Hermiston, secretary; Jim Robnett, treasurer; and

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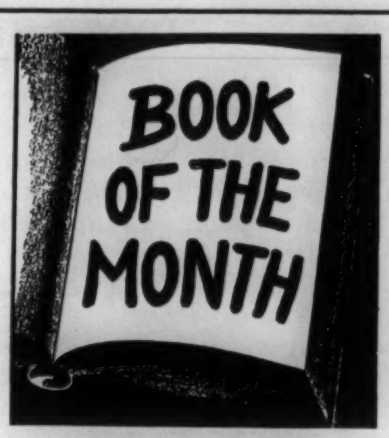


### FOR FEBRUARY
## REVOLUTION IN MISSIONS

**——By Willis Church Lamott**

(Recommended by the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature.)

What is the magnitude of the Christian missionary enterprise? Through what stages of development has it come? Where are we now in the Christian missionary program? What new and urgent challenges do we face? What roads will we need to be traveling in the future? Who will travel with us? Some clear answers to these and other such questions give us new and fresh understandings of the purpose and goal of the Christian church.

Dr. Lamott reveals in an interesting and penetrating manner facts which every American Christian should know about the new world church. He unfolds a thrilling and stirring story of how the program of Christian missions has resulted in a world Christian fellowship. This fellowship has resulted out of a partnership of the Christians of the West with the Christians of the East. He says, "It has gradually dawned upon us that the Christians of the West cannot evangelize the world through their own unaided efforts. We can assist, it is true, but the major impetus and personnel for evangelization must come from the people themselves."

He traces the steps from the beginning of foreign missions by the denominations to the present realization of the world mission of the ecumenical church. The role of the missionary has advanced from "explorer" through "Colonial administrator" to the present status of "fellow citizen". The missionary is now a fraternal helper to the national leaders of an indigenous church.

This volume should have unusual interest and should be of great help to Disciples of Christ for two main reasons. First, the missionary movement has developed from the separate missions started, guided and supported by the various denominational bodies in the non-Christian lands to United Churches in some lands with positive trends toward United Churches

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## OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

Mrs. C. A. Eide, currently serving as president of Christian Women's Fellowship of the Grants Pass Christian Church, has been appointed by the state CWF board to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Morris Beard as secretary of district six. The Beard family left Oregon on February 1, to accept a position in their old home state of Missouri. It was with regret that Dorothy's resignation was accepted; we shall miss her. However, with Mrs. Eide as secretary of the Southern Oregon district, we are assured that the work will be cared for efficiently. Mrs. Eide has had considerable experience in CWF work, having served as an officer over a period of years.

A card received from Eva Marie Johnson at Christmas time states that she has fully recovered from an accident in which both wrists were broken. Miss Johnson has many friends in Oregon who wil be glad to hear of her recovery. After one year spent in language school in Costa Rica, she expects her next assignment to be in Mexico. Eva Marie is a graduate of Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon. She took advanced training in Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut, then served as a missionary in the Belgian Congo for three years, after which an emergency assignment sent her to Asuncion, Paraguay, for one year.

It has been announced by the chairman of the State Convention Program Committee, Donald Helseth, pastor of the Corvallis Christian Church, that Kenneth and Grace Hendricks will be the cooperative missionary speakers for the Turner Convention, June 29-July 1. The Hendricks belong to Oregon — Kenneth by birth and Grace by adoption. During the period when it was not possible to send them back to their beloved field, Japan, Grace served as president of the Women's Missionary Society in the middle thirties. The Hendricks were the first missionaries of our Brotherhood to return to Japan following World War II. Shortly after the Portland convention, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs Delbert Troxell, left for Japan to join their efforts with those of the Hendricks, to work for Christ in that strategic and most difficult field.

A surprising question came from a recent visitor to Missions Building in Indianapolis. An office assistant was conducting a church group through the halls, pointing out various departments and introducing staff workers. One woman in the group appeared to be searching for something and peered into the offices, looking more puzzled with each room that she saw. At length she asked the tour guide, "Well ,where are the plush carpets? I have always heard that offices of the United Society have plush carpets on the floors."

With the exception of a rug in the small reception room at Missions building and some second-hand, worn carpeting in the audio-visual studio, where sound must be deadened for recording purposes, the puzzled visitor was unable to discover carpets in the national offices. No, there are no plush carpets in the Missions Building!

Now that most of the first two quarters' reports are in, it appears that almost half of our CWF financial goal for 1954-55 has been reached. This is ahead of last year, but we dare not become complacent. June 30 will tell the story. There is much yet to be done on membership, World Call subscriptions and offerings.

### WORKERS' INSTITUTE PLANNED FOR PORTLAND AREA CHURCHES

St. Johns Christian Church at 8033 N. Oswego in Portland will be host to the first city-wide Workers' Institute in the area the week of March 21-25. The Institute is being planned as a help to the Bible School teachers of the Portland area; invitations are extended to any who are teaching, or who would like to teach, to attend as many of the sessions as possible. Registration fee will be $1.00.

Special guests for the Institute are Mrs. Ernest Chamberlain, Director of Christian Education in the primary and junior departments of the West Seattle Christian Church; Miss Arlene Skaugset, Director of Christian Education with the church in Klamath Falls; Professors William Richardson and Lawrence Bixler of Northwest Christian College.

**Lawrence Porter reports**
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Shirley Lilleholm, Kern Park, Portland, chairman of the retreat.

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**Dulcina Elliott reports**
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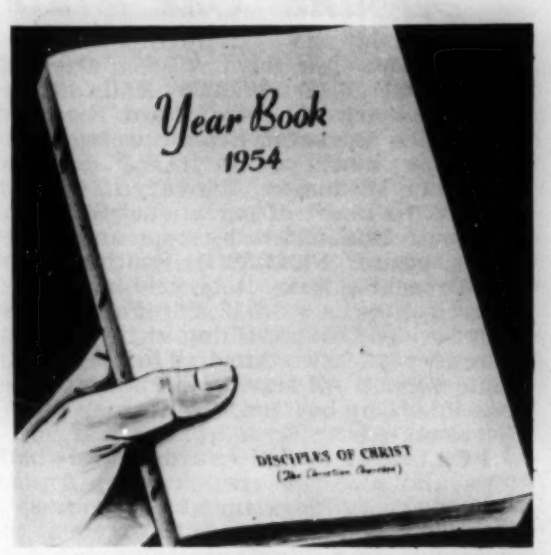
ecutive council. Plans were made for the national DSF Conference to be held at Lake Forest, Illinois, August 28 — September 4. It was decided to hold one of these national annual gatherings in the West if a large enough camp site can be found. Usually there are about 400 in attendance.

Religious Emphasis Week at the University of Oregon coincides this year with the meetings of the Oregon Council of Churches in Eugene to permit mutual use of leading speakers. Dates are January 30 — February 3.

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in other lands. "The consciousness of the unity of Christians of the world was a slowly dawning light that grew upon men's sight in the midst of the darkness and confusion of the Second World War". However it may have come, this achievement of union by the churches established by denominational effort is the realization and fulfillment, in part at least, of the hopes, the dreams and the prayers of Disciples of Christ for Christian Union.

These United Churches validate the vigorous claims of Disciples of Christ for one hundred and fifty years that Christ intended His church to be one. The answer to our prayers may not be coming as we had intended or expected. God's answer may confuse us. However, it should be clear to any humble follower of Christ that his Spirit is leading to unity and to one church, undivided.

Second, Disciples of Christ are faced with the unavoidable and inescapable decision as to whether they will welcome with rejoicing the presence of United Churches and will give them sacrificial and continuous support as these churches gird themselves to evangelize their countries and make them Christian. This volume by Dr. Lamott is as timely for Disciples of Christ as the dew and sunrise of tomorrow morning. It documents the "Strategy of World Missions" of the United Christian Missionary Society and the "Report of the Commission of Friendly Inquiry" to the Philippines and Japan.

Selected and reviewed by:
Riley B. Montgomery

# Around The State With The Churches

**ALBANY:** Ten from Albany attended the CLOSE THE SWITCH Rally in Eugene, January 10. Mrs. Ward Rice and Mrs. Edna Burke of Eugene were speakers at a luncheon for C.W.F. at the church on Wednesday, January 19. We are now in the midst of our annual School of Missions. One added by baptism. Lester Jones, pastor. **ASHLAND:** Southern Oregon Preaching Rally to be held in Ashland Church, February 18-19. Fir Point Christian Service Camp meeting at this church, February 18. Two hundred ninety-six in Bible School. All services on the increase. One added by baptism, 3 otherwise. O. W. Herbison, pastor.

**BEAVERTON:** Stewardship of both time and material are exceeding a year ago in every department. Leadership training class continues with excellent response. Lillian Ladd presented her pictures of Palestine while pastor was at Northwest Preachers' Parliament. Beaverton will be host to Portland Area Youth Rally in February. Bible School — 195. Four added by statement. Thomas Courtney, minister.

**BEND:** Sunday school attendance increasing. Interior of church redecorated; two classrooms redecorated. New church windows installed. Morning and evening attendance up over last year. Thirty-one in high school class, January 16. Planning for School of Missions, February 20-March 27. Two added by baptism. H. Cecil Bever, minister.

**BURNS:** Three added by baptism, 2 otherwise. A class for church officers is being conducted each Sunday evening in the parsonage. Milton Bower is leader of the group, which has had an average attendance of 25. Beginning February 6 there will be an evening class in stewardship for the entire church. Four hundred is our attendance goal for Easter. Len B. Fishback, minister.

**CEDAR HILLS:** Have had recent conferences with Mr. Charles J. Betts and Mr. Wm. T. Pearcy from the Board of Church Extension in the interest of a first unit for our congregation. Dr. John Berry, Pacific University, assisted the minister in population survey of the Cedar Hills area recently. Dwight L. Hacket, pastor.

**COBURG:** Twenty people attended the Youth Retreat December 31—January 2. Plans were made for the young people for the next six months. We are in an attendance contest with Westside Church of Christ in Eugene. We are now 39 per cent ahead. We had three delegates attend other churches on January 16 in the interest of the "School of Christian Living", which begins on January 31 at Harrisburg. One added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Joe Wagnon ,minister. Marvin Eckfeldt, youth minister.

**COQUILLE:** Annual meeting held December 31. Income of church increased 15 per cent during 1954; missionary giving increased 27 per cent. Donald H. Farr elected Chairman of Board. Church school attendance increased 14 per cent, with an average attendance of 212 during 1954. Cornerstone laying for new church held January 23 with first services in new church being planned for February 20. Ten members attended CLOSE THE SWITCH Rally in Eugene. Church will serve as host to community-wide "World Day of Prayer" service in new building.

**CORBETT:** Work has slowed down on the basement addition, but with longer days it will probably pick up again. We have two new classrooms in use and two more that will shortly be in use. Two added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Don Kelley, minister.

**CORVALLIS:** Two added by transfer. Entire congregation is enthusiastic over Missionary Crusade held with Dr. Royal J. Dye, January 16-21. Congregation voted to change by-laws to add elder, deacons, and deaconesses to meet needs of a growing church. Officers elected were: Chairman of Board, Gerald Morrison; Vice-chairman, Kenneth Coon; Clerk, Miss Nina Rebman; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Russell; Financial Secretary, William Maplethorpe; and Sunday School Superintendent, Everett Smith. Rev. and Mrs. Donald Helseth will attend Pastoral Conference at Pacific School of Religion in

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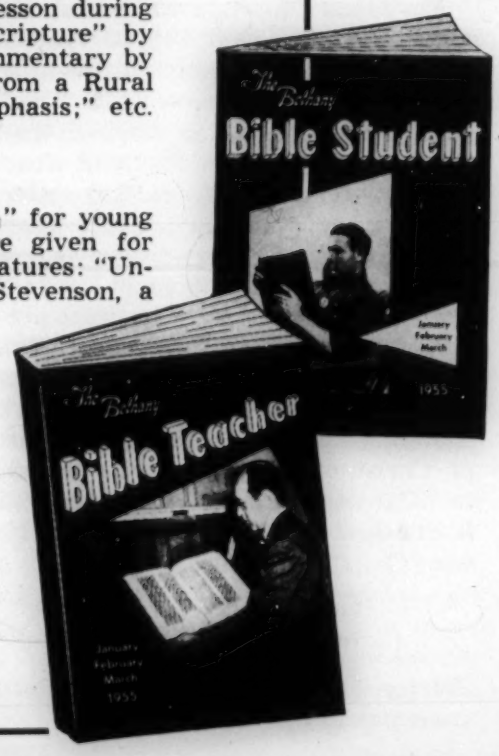




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Berkeley in February. Two added by transfer. Twenty-two attended CLOSE THE SWITCH Rally in Eugene.

**DALLAS**: Three added by baptism. Lillian Ladd, our Women's Day speaker, showed pictures of her recent trip to Palestine. Ed Eldridge and male quartet visited us to boost our giving to the N.C.C. library fund. C.W.F. invited Dr. Sword to speak and show his pictures of India. Polk Union Christian Endeavor held here with 45 in attendance. Lynton Elwell brought a stirring message to close this meeting. Participated in a city-wide evangelistic campaign sponsored by Ministerial Association. Torrey Johnson was evangelist. O. F. Mick, pastor.

**DETROIT:** Installed Stanley White as superintendent of Sunday school and Donna Sworm, who moved here recently from Crabtree, as secretary-treasurer. Dale Moore, freshman student at N.C.C., and Gus Anderson of Eugene were recently added to the church school staff. Don Summers, minister.

**EUGENE-ALLISON PARK:** Ted and Peggy Jones, N.C.C. students, are now serving as youth ministers. Church attendance still growing. Looking forward to future development and expansion. One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. George Bever, minister. **EUGENE-FIRST:** Six added by baptism, 24 otherwise. Remodeling is proceeding in the basement for enlarging the dining room, providing larger classrooms and youth centers. We are entertaining the joint sessions of the annual meeting of the Council of Church Women and the Convocation of the Council of Churches. Proceeds from the Salmon dinner, January 26, will go to the work of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan. Mrs. Lynnette Rhay showed slides and gave interesting side lights of the Mission. The youth were especially interested, as the slides included some of them who as Chi Rhos visited the Mission. Indian decorations, featuring many relics, curios and momentos of the past were displayed. The fellowship hour was closed with a dedication service in honor of the new Yakima Indian Christian Church. Carroll Roberts, minister. Ellen Stokes, reporter.

**EUGENE-NORKENZIE:** Held first of monthly church potlucks, with calling following the dinner. One elder and one deacon taking course in church architecture at N.C.C. Two added by transfer. Gordon Gibbs, minister. **EUGENE-UNIVERSITY STREET:** One added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Youth night observed on January 30 by the young people taking charge of the evening service. The church will be host to the adult banquet of the Direct-Support Missionary Conference on February 25. Leo Woodruff, pastor.

**FLORENCE:** Evangelistic meeting with J. Frank Cunningham, January 23-February 6. Membership calling has preceded the meeting. Lloyd Hosman, a senior from San Jose Bible College, will lead the singing and direct the youth work. C. Wayne Osborne, minister. **FRANKLIN:** Five added by baptism. Raised $28.77 in an enthusiastic drive in the Sunday school for Bibles for Egypt. Missionary banquet to be held January 28 with David Norcross to be the speaker from Heifers for Relief, Inc. Plans being made for a comprehensive evangelism campaign. Gerald Sawyer, minister.

**GLENDALE:** Nursery redecorated and furnace in the process of being overhauled. Two families enlisted as tithers. Ten dollars per month as partial living-link support going to the Mexican Mission Service. Twenty-five dollar gift given to State Missions. Three added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Guy Armstrong, minister. **GLIDE:** One added by baptism, 3 by statement. Church and Sunday school attendance much increased over couple of months ago. Interim pastor, Roy L. Dunn, gives Glide Church about three days time per week.

**HALFWAY**: Spiritual revival in progress since meeting in October with Willie White. Attendance is increasing slowly but steadily. One added by baptism. C. F. Coulter, minister. **HALSEY:** Warren Sechler, a student pastor from Northwest Christian College, is the new minister. A new church bulletin board has been installed which features interior lighting and changeable message board. Two additions by baptism during the fall.

**HARRISBURG:** The Men's Annual Game Feed was held Wednesday evening, January 19. After dinner a representative of the Oregon Game Commission showed a sound and color picture of wild life in Oregon. School of Christian Living in the Harrisburg Christian Church. January 31-February 15. Wm. Siefke, pastor. V. H. Woods, reporter. **HEPPNER:** Attendance has been excellent during the past month. Baptismal services again January 30. One added by baptism, three otherwise. Earl L. Soward, pastor. **HERMISTON**: Twenty-eight added to the church since last July, ten of these by baptism. Loyalty month was observed during the month of October. A stewardship campaign, carried out during the months of November and December, was highly successful: 75 pledged tithers. A new audio-visual department has been added, with Harold E. Fullman as director. He is now showing motion pictures each Sunday evening between Christmas and Easter, using the Cathedral Films on the Life of Christ. Attendance is well over 230, which is a substantial gain over a year ago, with near-capacity crowds for our morning worship and correspondingly good attendance in the evening service. Mr. and Mrs. Clark Dumond are the new sponsors of the Youth department. They are observing Youth Week, January 30 - February 6, with a banquet, February 3. On February 6 the youth will have complete charge of the Bible school opening and the morning wor-

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## MEET OUR GUESTS

Mrs. Dessa Coggins entered the home on May 16, 1948, with her husband, Bro. L. B. Coggins, from Lancaster, Missouri. They made their home in the Dingle Cottage until he passed away on Nov. 23, 1948. He had preached the gospel for 55 years in the Central West, closing his pastorate at Lancaster on Easter Sunday. Sister Coggins joined the Central Building Family early in 1949 and is a very active member of the group. She is a lover of flowers and contributes to the beauty of the Home surroundings with this talent.

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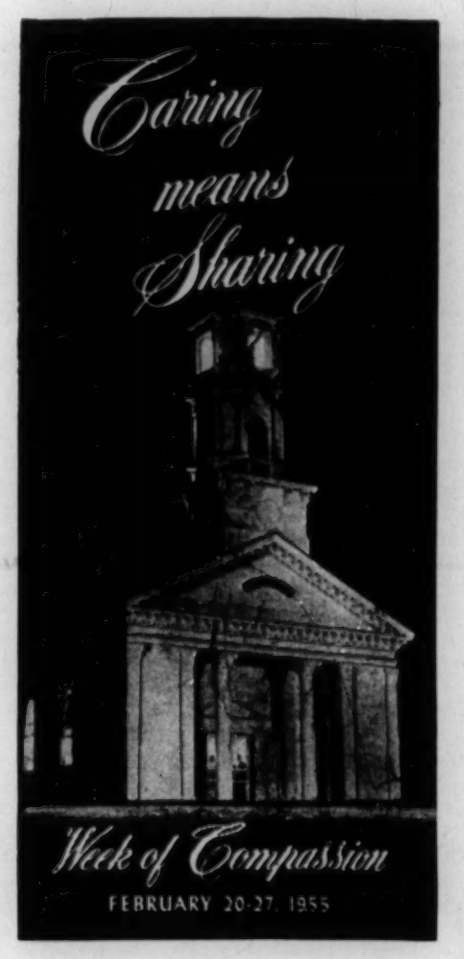

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ship service. Beginning April 1, Bethany material will be added to the curriculum. Robert Richter, minister. Mrs. Bernard Kendall, reporter.

**HOOD RIVER—FIRST** Building improvements last fall cost $4,000. In less than 6 months $2500 was paid, and the balance is the goal for Easter. Folks are planning further improvements by 50th anniversary, October 9, 1955. Four added by statement. Donald Ross, minister. **LEBANON:** Good delegation from Lebanon attended the CLOSE THE SWITCH Rally in Eugene. Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise.

**MADRAS:** Work is continuing on the basement. Are partly occupying it with classes and special meetings. Central Oregon C.E. Rally held here, January 24, with a chili supper served. Personal evangelism program on now. Five added by baptism. Royal Gardner, pastor. **McMINNVILLE:** New neon sign for exterior of church dedicated January 2; funds for the sign raised by church youth groups. New Philippine mahogany pulpit dedicated January 9, in memory of the late Dr. W. H. Barendrick, by members of his family. Three added by statement. Elery A. Parrish, minister.

**MEDFORD:** Two added by baptism, 9 otherwise. Preparing for stewardship campaign in March. National Training Mission to be in Medford, March 3-10. William Piper, minister. **MILL CITY:** H.E. Jull, minister, was released from the hospital January 2 and resumed his pulpit duties Sunday, January 9. James Stock of the Sweet Home Church did an excellent job as supply minister. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Arthur, long-time workers here, transferred to Corvallis to be near their daughter. Christmas offering for benevolence was the largest during our ministry here.

**MILTON-FREEWATER:** Four added by baptism, 5 otherwise. A thirty-day stewardship education program in the Bible school, church worship services, C. E., and all other departments and groups of the church to end January 30, with "One Great Moment of Dedication." Comprehensive Visitation Evangelism Campaign, February 20-27, with Al Tiffin of University Church, Los Angeles, directing. "Victory Day," February 27, when our goal of at least 61 will be reached. A week of preaching on the "Great Doctrines of the Faith," March 21-27, by Prof. Wm. Siefke of N.C.C. C. E. Banquet, February 2. Oscar Cooper of Northwestern Christian Home, guest speaker, Sunday evening, January 30. Les Lammers showed the picture, "Search and Rescue." February 7, Father and son banquet. Sending several large boxes of warm clothing to McKinley Indian Mission, also white gifts of food. The pastor with a group of the young people plan to deliver the boxes. Truman Robbins, pastor.

**MILWAUKIE:** During the church loyalty campaign in December, Bible school attendance was increased from 198 to 350. Attendance in all departments of the church was increased considerably. "Every member serving" is the theme for the church for February. Alger Fitch, minister. Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, reporter.

**MOSIER:** Jim Piper has been called as the full-time pastor. This is the only church in this immediate area, and there is a real challenge here. We are asking for your prayers. **MYRTLE CREEK:** Two added by baptism. In a contest of blues vs. reds, Bible school and church services running well above that of a year ago. Bible school reached 143, January 9. Berean class and mixed high-school class reached attendance peaks. The finances are much better also, with a number of tithers. Have shown a number of educational and religious films the last few months. The young people plan to present the main part of the Easter program. Dorsey E. Dent, pastor.

**NEWPORT:** Miss Goldie Wells, retired missionary, brought inspiring messages January 16. She also spoke at two schools and the Kiwanis Club. Dr. and Mrs. T. M. White have moved here from Amity and will work with us. Bible school and church attendance exceeding all previous records. Planning building improvements this year. Three added by statement. Ray C. Smith, minister. **NORTH BEND:** Pastor Clyde Blakley and Chester Farr, member of the finance committee, attended CLOSE THE SWITCH Rally and Preachers' Parliament at Eugene. Youth of church changed from C.Y.F. to C.E. plan, with attendance and interest gaining. They are having a waffle breakfast to earn money toward support of an Okinawan orphan. Huckins family, missionaries from Okinawa, guests of church, January 26. Mr. Blakley represented churches of southwest Oregon at cornerstone laying of new Coquille church. Oak flooring more than half laid in sanctuary of North Bend church. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter.

**OAKRIDGE:** Church had largest annual meeting in its history. Church adopted proposed program built along the lines of CLOSE THE SWITCH. Long-range three-point building program planned. Parsonage debt to be paid this year; lots to be purchased and a new building to be completed before 1960. Average Bible school attendance for 1954 was 140. Average for first four Sundays in January, 1955, was 156. Attendance on January 23 was 184. One added by baptism. E. C. Hawkins, minister.

**PENDLETON:** Christmas season a high point in church activity. Ninety and Nine men's group sponsoring Boy Scout troup no. 45. Annual report indicates increased Sunday school and church attendance; stewardship program of $22,300; increased giving to N.C.C. Donald Payne, minister. **PEORIA:** Attendance good. Sunday, January 16, Mrs. Woods of Harrisburg and Mr. Albertson of Halsey visited us to tell about the School of Christian Living at Harrisburg, January 31-February 15. We expect to send a number of delegates. One added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Howard Hake, minister.

**PERRYDALE:** Attendance has been on the increase during the year of 1954. The average attendance for the past quarter was nearly 70. Seeking to have attendance up to 100 by December 31, 1955. Ralph Perry, minister. **PORTLAND-CENTRAL:** Mr. Donald Cox has resigned his ministry with Central to accept a call in Indianapolis, Indiana. An extremely strong youth program is being developed here under the leadership of Mike Pierce, an N.C.C. student, our youth minister.

**PORTLAND-FIRST**: Month of January was one of the most effective for Christ and the church in seventy-five year history. Homecoming day found many "old-timers returning for services. Building fund campaign off to a good success as this report is written. Wm. T. Pearcy of Board of Church Extension giving able leadership. One hundred twenty are calling in church homes for gifts. Month will close with Recognition day on January 30. Two added by baptism and 8 otherwise. Myron C. Cole, pastor.

**PORTLAND - KERN PARK:** Highlights in the church program for the next ten weeks: all-church planning conference at Menucha, January 28-29; a graded School of Missions under the direction of Goldie Ruth Wells, February 27-April 3; a week of special service with Mark Rutherford, April 3-10. Seven added by baptism, 8 otherwise. Kenneth Johnston, minister. **PORTLAND-PARKROSE:** Having meeting with Willie White. Largest attendance in church's history. Calling week following preaching. Dallas Meserve, pastor.

**REDMOND:** Five added by baptism and 13 otherwise in 1954. R. T. Merriman, pastor. **ROSEBURG-FIRST:** The regular Douglas County Christian Church Convention was held here at First Church. Bible School Sweetheart Search has been greatly enjoyed, and the attendance has averaged 642 in Bible school in January of 1955 as compared with 460 for January of 1954. A delegation from the church attended the CLOSE THE SWITCH rally in Eugene. Six added by baptism, 7 otherwise. Newell Morgan, minister.

**ROSEBURG-WESTSIDE:** Charles J. Betts, architect of the Board of Church Extension, visited Westside church on January 22-23, studied the plant and property, and made suggestions and plans for future expansion of the work here. One hundred sixty-three in Bible school, January 23, and over 100 at the morning service. Three added by baptism. Harry Chapin, minister.

**WILLAMINA:** Nine additions and nine reconsecrations were the visible results of meeting with B. Ross Evans. Bible School attendance grew during the meeting. Seventeen added by baptism and 12 by statement. Giving increased appreciably, with about 22 per cent of income going to various mission works. Elmo Black, minister.

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